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TOPIC: Border Guard Battalion in Modrava

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REMARKS: An evaluation of this 25X1C [REDACTED] is requested from Army.

SOURCE: 25X1X [REDACTED]

1. Prior to 23 February 1951, the border guard (PS) battalion in Modrava (Mader, N 50/Q 26) was subordinate to PS Brigade Utvar No 8400 in Susice (N 50/Q 28). Staff Captain Slavik was the commanding officer of the brigade.
2. The battalion in Modrava, commanded by Lieutenant Kroch, (fnu), had one reserve company in Modrava; one company of about 45 men in the woods at Slate, about 5 km southwest of Modrava; one company west of Javory Pila, about 5 km northwest of Modrava; and two or three companies in Breznik (Puerstling, N 49/Q 29). *
3. The company stationed in Slate controlled a border section 5 or 6 km long. Three stationary double sentries were on duty at all times. In February 1951, an observation post, connected with the company headquarters by telephone, was established near the company billets. It was occupied by one soldier 24 hours a day.
4. In late November 1950, a special training course was held in Susice for about 220 troops selected according to their political beliefs. It was planned to convert the course into an NCO school. Starting in January 1951, driving and signal-communication courses were held in Susice.

25X1C 5. [REDACTED] PS battalions were also stationed in Prasilly (Stubenbach, N 50/Q 17), Zelezna Ruda (N 50/Q 07), and Nyrsko (N 50/U 99). **

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* [REDACTED] Comment. All PS units mentioned are confirmed. The company stationed in Javory Pila is subordinate to the battalion in Prasilly. [REDACTED] 25X1A

** [REDACTED] Comment. All the PS battalions are probably subordinate to the PS brigade in Susice.

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1 Annex: One manpower questionnaire.

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Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

1. Kovacik, Tomas; private.
2. 24 December 1928; Pribis, Dolni Kubin district.
3. 1 October 1950, Pribis, worker.
4. Eight years elementary school.
5. Zilina country recruiting office.
6. Infantry; infantry and border guard training.
7. Basic training with Unit Utvar No 9148 in Gheb for 10 days and with the border guard brigade in Susice for about 6 weeks.
8. None.
9. The entire 1928 class and some members of the 1929 class.
10. About two percent of the 1928 class were rejected as unfit.
11. The 1927 class was the oldest and the 1929 class the youngest on 23 February 1951, the day of desertion.
12. Fall of 1952.
13. The 1929 class was scheduled to be discharged in the fall of 1953.
14. Unknown.
15. The PS company in Plate had about 47 men.
16. PS company in Plate, commanded by Lieutenant Novotny, (Czech), of the PS battalion in Hodrava. Deserter served with the unit as a rifleman from 24 December 1950 to 23 February 1951.
17. On his induction, source joined the GSM.
18. Not applicable.
19. None.
20. MI serve for two years.
21. [REDACTED] deserted because he was opposed to the present regime.

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